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1. The OMW and JUMO buildings have been completed and are now ready for occupation. [redacted] the Otto Maderwerk, situated south of the Dessau-Alten road, was 95% complete and partly furnished with office furniture. A new fence has been erected around the building. Work is continuing on the IFA administration building on Kuehnauerstrasse; the bomb-damaged eastern part of the building is being rebuilt.

2. [redacted] the plan for building 268 apartments for Junkers employees in Dessau, has now been cancelled by the Ministry for Air. Priority has now been given to the completion of the plant.

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4. The present technical director in charge of final assembly at the Junkers plant is Krensburg (fmu). His staff consists of 8 assistants.

5. Applications for employment from people outside East Germany have already been received by the Junkers administration. These applications are, for the most part, from people inexperienced in the aircraft industry. These to be employed will need at least some experience in order to avoid unnecessary training.

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6. In the past only former skilled Junkers employees were hired at Dessau. Recruiting among former employees has now ceased. Employment is open to anyone within East Germany who has training in the aircraft industry, has no relatives living in the West, and, if possible, he is to have no correspondence with the West.
7. An employee of Polysius, in conversation with a casual acquaintance, stated that all component parts of aircraft would be manufactured by Junkers. The delivery of the necessary machine tools is said to be guaranteed.
8. Junkers is to build a twin-engined jet aircraft. The first prototype is expected to fly in August or September 1953. The Dessau plant is to be responsible for the construction of airframes; the Koethen plant will be responsible for engines.
9. Approximately two months ago, Krueger (fnu), senior engineer employed at Polysius and a member of the SED, was appointed as a plain-clothes policeman for permanent night duty in Dessau. During the period of Stalin's mourning, Krueger was detailed to visit various cafes in Dessau and to observe and listen at any gatherings of people in the town. He was to report to the district Volkspolizei immediately if he noticed any undue occurrence. He was also instructed to observe his neighbors and to report any unusual activity on their part.
10. Dessau has been divided into police districts in charge of a senior Volkspolizei official, who has several civilians as part-time helpers.
11. The road from Dessau to Alten, which runs south of the airfield and which passes the OMW and JUM buildings, was closed to traffic [redacted] However, it is still open to pedestrians and cyclists, who are subject to a vigorous police check when passing through. Heavy traffic is diverted to the road which lies approximately 1000 m. to the south. Movable barriers have been erected on the Dessau-Alten road approximately 300 m. on either side of the Junkers plant. The barriers are manned by Volkspolizei. The road to Kleinkuehnau is also expected to be closed to traffic.

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